

WESSELL HOUSE
NEBRASKA CITY, NEBRASKA

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DISTRICT No. 35

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
WM. L. STEELE, DISTRICT OFFICER
2236 ST. MARY'S AVE., OMAHA, NEBRASKA.

The site was granted to John B. Lull, the first Mayor of South Nebraska, (1857); by the United States. Mr. Lull is said to have then built the house and used it as his home. In 1866 it was transferred to Henry Wessell. Mr. Wessell is said to have been the first Jew to take residence in Nebraska, and he owned and lived in this house until 1910 (March 16th). The foundation is of native rubble stone masonry. The upper walls are of native brick with sand-mold brick facing. Its architecture makes us wish for more of that simple and direct satisfaction of the human need of protection in a manner that appeals to pride and affords a sense of security and well being.

The property has been owned by Minnie E. Bickle since March 16, 1910 and occupied by her until recently. It is now serving as living quarters for three tenants.

Charles H. Bickel